



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 30, 2004

Date of Deposit

Paul P. V. H.
Name of Applicant, Assignee, or Registered Rep.

[Signature]
Signature

Attorney Docket No. 10001-32102

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of : Carl Steven Gifford, et al.

Serial No: 09/639,496

Filed: August 14, 2000

Examiner: Amanda T. Le

Group Art Unit: 2634

Title: SOFTWARE SYNCHRONIZER FOR SOFTWARE DEFINED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SIGNAL COMBINER

RECEIVED

JUL 14 2004

Technology Center 2600

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 30, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on April 30, 2004. A petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) for a two-month extension of time for response and the required fee are filed herewith.

Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. These pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,229 to Aoyama ("Aoyama"). Claims 12-29 have been withdrawn from consideration.